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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S DISABILITY
PENSION PLAN"

REF: OTTAWA 3131; STATE 152917

1. SPOKESMAN FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE NOTIFIED EMBASSY THAT GAO OFFICIALS DAVIS AND MCGUIRE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET 0915 HOURS, JULY 10, WITH R.W. NADEAU, SENIOR ADVISOR, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LIAISON, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. MR. NADEAU WILL ESCORT VISITORS TO OFFICE OF MR. MURRAY T. KEAM, DIRECTOR GENERAL (OPERATIONS), INCOME SECURITIES PROGRAM, CANADA PENSION PLAN, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, BROOKE CLAXTON BUILDING, OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1A 0K9. MR. KEAM WILL DISCUSS SUBJECT INTEREST OF GAO SPECIALISTS, AS OUTLINED IN STATE 152917, TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS THEY SHOULD SEE AND TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THEIR PROGRAM. KEAM SUGGESTED THAT GAO SPECIALISTS AIR MAIL SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON EACH OF FIVE AREAS MENTIONED IN STATE 152917. NADEAU STRESSED THAT LETTER NOT ESSENTIAL AND ONLY SUGGESTED BY KEAM IN SPIRIT OF COOPERATION TO BEST UTILIZE TIME OF VISITORS. CANADIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE OBJECTIVES OF GAO OFFICIALS CAN BE MET IN A FEW DAYS AT MOST. HOWEVER, THEY WILL RESERVE PLANNING OF ACTUAL ITINERARY UNTIL JULY 10 MEETING WITH GAO VISITORS.

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2. DAVIS AND MCGUIRE SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE EMBASSY, 100 WELLINGTON STREET, 0845 HOURS, JULY 10. LABOR ATTACHE WALSH WILL ESCORT TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND MAKE INTRODUCTIONS.

3. REQUEST TRAVEL PLANS ASAP. EMBASSY WILL MAKE

TENTATIVE HOTEL RESERVATIONS JULY 9-13. ENDERS

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